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SUBJECT: LEFT WING CATHOLICS PROTEST VAN THIEU' S CALL ON POPE

1. SEVERAL LEFT WING CATHOLIC AND PACIFIST ORGANIZATIONS STAGED MODEST STREET MARCH THROUGH ROME EVENING APRIL 5 " FOR LIBERATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS OF VAN THIEU AND AGAINST RECEPTION OF SAIGON DICTATOR BY PAUL VI". PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY NUMBERED FEW HUNDRED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF ITALY, AND INCLUDED WELL KNOWN CATHOLIC DISSIDENT LEADERS ( SUCH AS FLORENCE' S DON MAZZI) AS WELL AS SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN PROTESTANT GROUPS. ANNOUNCED TERMINAL POINT OF PARADE WAS ST. PETER' S SQUARE, BUT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES REFUSED PERMISSION TO PROCEED PAST PIAZZA SANTI APOSTOLI, WELL SHORT OF VATICAN. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

2. EARLIER IN DAY, AT PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED BY " ITALY- VIET NAM COMMITTEE", VAN HIEU AND THE COMMUNIST PRESIDENT OF BOLOGNA PROVINCE JOINTLY DECLARED " TWIN PROVINCE" RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOLOGNA AND QUANG TRI, " THE STALINGRAD OF VIET NAM". VOLPE

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